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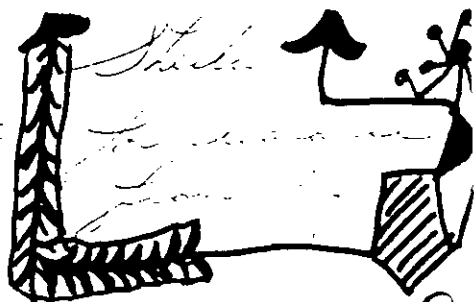
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WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Neier:

Thank you for your letter of December 31, 1981 regarding the case of Graciela Arabaolsa, an Argentine woman who wishes to join her husband in the U. S. We have been aware of Graciela's case for some time and there has been considerable Congressional interest in her case.

To date Graciela's application^s for Right of Option have been denied by the Government of Argentina. In addition, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service has been unable to make a determination of her eligibility to come to the U. S. under Section 207 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act because of her inability to provide court records related to her conviction in 1977 of violating the national security law and illegal association. Ms. Arabaolsa did not appear for an interview with the visiting Immigration and Naturalization Service officer that had been scheduled for last December 14, possibly because she lives in Villa Maria, approximately 400 miles from Buenos Aires and is under "supervised liberty" which requires her to obtain official permission to travel.

The Embassy in Buenos Aires is attempting to assist her in obtaining court records. If INS finds her eligible under Section 207, we believe her chances of receiving "right of option" will be improved.

Sincerely,

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